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PANAMA FOR JOHN BLACKEN CARACAS FOR CLAGETT TAYLOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT LOURENCO MARQUES 307 ACTION SECSTATE

DAR ES SALAAM INFO CAPE TOWN LIS BON LONDON LUSAKA MBABANE

PRETORIA TEL AVIV DATED 19 MAR 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 307

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PINR, PDEV, MZ, PO, TZ, US, WZ, ZA

SUBJECT: FRELIMO PARDONS 240 "TRAITORS"

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 806

1. I RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AND/OR EMBASSY DAR-
ES-SALAAM QUICKLY ISSUE CATEGORIC DENIAL OF GUMANE'S CHARGE
THAT AFTER FRELIMO VICTORY LAST YEAR HE WAS ADVISED BY THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LUSAKA TO RETURN QUICKLY TO MOZAMBIQUE
IN ORDER TO BUILD HIMSELF UP BEFORE FRELIMO SEIZED POWER
(SEE PARA 4, REFTTEL). EMBASSY LUSAKA MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADD
ADDITIONAL FACTS COUNTERING THIS CHARGE.

2. WE IN LOURENCO MARQUES HAVE HAD NO REPEAT NO CONTACT WITH
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GUMANE, AS FAR BACK AS WE CAN TRACE.

3. DENIAL WILL NOT NECESSARILY STOP FURTHER "CONFESSIONS" OR CHARGES. HOWEVER, IT WILL PROVIDE PEG ON WHICH EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA AS WELL AS THIS CONSULATE GENERAL AND OTHER AFRICAN POSTS CAN BASE THEIR COMMENTS WHEN ASKED BY PRESS OR WHEN APPROPRIATE. GUMANE'S CHARGES WILL ALMOST SURELY BE PICKED UP BY PRO-COMMUNIST MEDIA AND REPLAYED IN OTHER PARTS OF AFRICA. WHILE REFERENCES TO U.S. BY GUMANE HAVE BEEN CONSPI- CUOUSLY ABSENT THUS FAR FROM MOZAMBIQUE PRESS, THIS ABSENCE WILL CONTINUE ONLY IF FRELIMO SPECIFICALLY ORDERS IT. REQUEST AUTHORITY CATEGORICALLY DENY CHARGES MENTIONED PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. EMBASSIES DAR AND LUSAKA MAY WISH COMMENT.

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